



Nephi Recreation Department Growth

CROSSROADS IN 2012

Juab County residents were ready for changes in the way that Recreation was provided. Factors included:

- 1) Desire for more information. Social Media, website, etc...
- 2) Desire for the convenience of online registration and use of credit card.
- 3) Establishment of identity of the Recreation Department.
- 4) Many people were moving to Juab County from other cities that had a broader variety of programs. They wanted more program options.
- 5) Desire to have more facility access and better facility access.

Would we stay the same or change?





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NEPHI RECREATION EMBRACED CHANGE & RESPONDED:

- 1) **Nephi Recreation created a logo** (identity) and established a website (home for the identity)
- 2) **Communication was established.** Email addresses were acquired and a monthly e-newsletter was established. A Facebook page was also established to help get information out to residents. Bi-annual brochure is either printed and mailed to residents or made available at our website. Youth at Elementary Schools receive quarterly program announcements.
- 3) In 2013, **Online registration was made available** for all recreation classes, sport programs and events. In 2016, the Nephi Swimming Pool also began to accept online registration for swimming lessons and payments for pool entrance.
- 4) **Community sport programs were brought under one umbrella** of Nephi Recreation, providing a one stop shop for Juab residents.
- 5) **More programs were offered: 9 to 54:** Adaptive Sports, Non traditional Sports, Outdoor Recreation, Art & Craft classes, Science classes & Health & Wellness Events/classes.
- 6) **Existing programs expanded:** additional age groups added with younger youth or expanded Adult leagues.
- 7) **In November 2014, Nephi Recreation utilized a partnership with the Juab School District** to move from the Old Nephi Gym (1939) to the Old Junior High School (1984). The renamed facility “Nephi Recreation Center” provided office, play lobby, classroom and gym space for Recreation Programs.



Youth/Special Event Participation Comparison



<u>2012</u>	<u>2016</u>
5 youth sports	20 youth sports
1524 Participants	3957 Participants

<u>2012</u>	<u>2016</u>
2 Special Events	26 Special Events/ Community Programs



YOUTH/SPECIAL EVENT	
PARTICIPATION BY LOCATION	2013
Nephi	700
Mona	190
Levan	52
Rocky Ridge	3
Eureka	0
Sanpete County	13
Utah County	12
Fillmore County	3
Do Not Know (Events)	551
GRAND TOTAL	1524

YOUTH/SPECIAL EVENT	
PARTICIPATION BY LOCATION	2016
Nephi	1373
Mona	423
Levan	162
Rocky Ridge	34
Eureka	0
Sanpete County	14
Utah County	7
Fillmore County	2
<u>Do Not Know (Events)</u>	<u>1942</u>
GRAND TOTAL	3957



Adult Participation Comparison



<u>2012</u>	<u>2016</u>
2 Sports	9 Sports
100 participants	696 Participants



ADULT PARTICIPATION BY LOCATION 2016	
358	Nephi
91	Mona
20	Levan
27	Rocky Ridge
4	Eureka
61	Sanpete County
59	Utah County
3	Millard County
73	Do Not Know (Not Recorded)
696	GRAND TOTAL





Nephi Recreation Facilities Update

Nebo View Complex

In partnership with Juab School District we utilize 4 fields for Baseball, Soccer and Flag Football.

Orgill Fields

In partnership with LDS Church utilize 2 fields for Adult & Youth Softball.

Nephi City Swimming Pool

This seasonal pool in the last decade added new slides, Kid Splash pad and additional spectator space.

Pink School Field

A few trees were removed to provide an open space for team practices and games as needed.

New! Canyon View Park/Ball field

Provided an additional needed Softball Field. Also serves as a soccer field and flag football field.

New! Disc Golf Course

Developed in partnership with an Eagle Scout Project and a generous sponsorship by Main Street 7-Eleven.



New! Disc Golf Course



Nephi Recreation Center Gym

Used for youth basketball, 7 leagues of volleyball and indoor soccer.

Red Cliffs Elementary Gym

Used for Youth & Adult Basketball.

Juab School District Facilities

Track & Field as well as Tennis is played at School fields.

Impact of Growth: Time to plan

- Increased programs offered from 9 to 54.
- Participation nearly tripled 1624 to 4653.
- Doubled Full time Recreation Staff from 1 to 2 to keep up.
- Part time paid staff/officials increased from 39 to 87 each year.
- Volunteers increased from 92 to 230 each year.
- Gym space is booked 6 days per week all winter long. Teams are allotted 45 min per week for practice.
- Soccer has become the most popular sport with over 450 youth participants. It is now offered in High School, Junior High & Adults. Soccer fields have minimum space requirements.



Other Factors to consider:

- Juab County population continues to increase.
- Residents are moving from urban areas and expecting new programs and program spaces.
- Elementary Schools are filling and will be shifting to the Junior High and to High School.
- Recreation Department currently partners with School District at the Recreation Center for office and gym space. This could be affected as school population shifts.
- Private Accelerated Teams are more numerous than ever. They are looking for consistent spaces to play both indoor and outdoor. These groups can play year round. Leagues include baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball.

The Plan: 2016



Nephi Recreation Staff is constantly planning to meet existing needs as well as future growth.

- In January 2016 Nephi City Council and Juab Commissioners met to discuss this growth. It was determined that we would hire an Architect to give us basic site plans and cost estimates.
- In March 2016 a survey was given to Nephi Recreation customers. Results included:
 - Top Indoor Requests:** Recreation Gymnasium/Indoor Swimming Pool/Indoor walking track/Indoor Batting Cages.
 - Top Outdoor Requests:** Soccer Fields/ Baseball & Softball Complex. In 2015, Nephi City had a petition from numerous youth requesting a Skate Park. At that time Nephi City worked with Provo Skate Park designer Spohn Ranch to develop preliminary Skate Park site plans.
- In April 2016, Architecture Nexus was selected to do design work. They worked with Nephi Recreation staff several month to develop basic site plans and cost estimates.
- In October/November 2016 Nephi Recreation visited Juab County Commissioners and each local city councils to give an update on the process.
- By the end of 2016 no specific plan was selected or identified due to the large amount of financing needed for any of the options.
- In February 2017, we will be holding several local Open Houses to update the public on the research and to get public suggestions.

What about the Old Nephi Gym?



Nephi City has looked at the options of renovating the Historic Old Nephi Gym which was built in 1939.

- In 2010 an Engineering firm carried out a Facility Study. The results reflected the need to upgrade seismic standards, and make other costly structural improvements.
- In 2014 an Architectural firm carried out a Facility Study. The results reflected similar needed structural improvements in the areas of roof, floors, walls as well as completely renovated plumbing, lights, HVAC. Other safety and health concerns were also noted.
- In late 2014 Nephi Recreation Department was moved to the Old Junior High School. The Gym has been closed since.

Estimate costs for renovation:

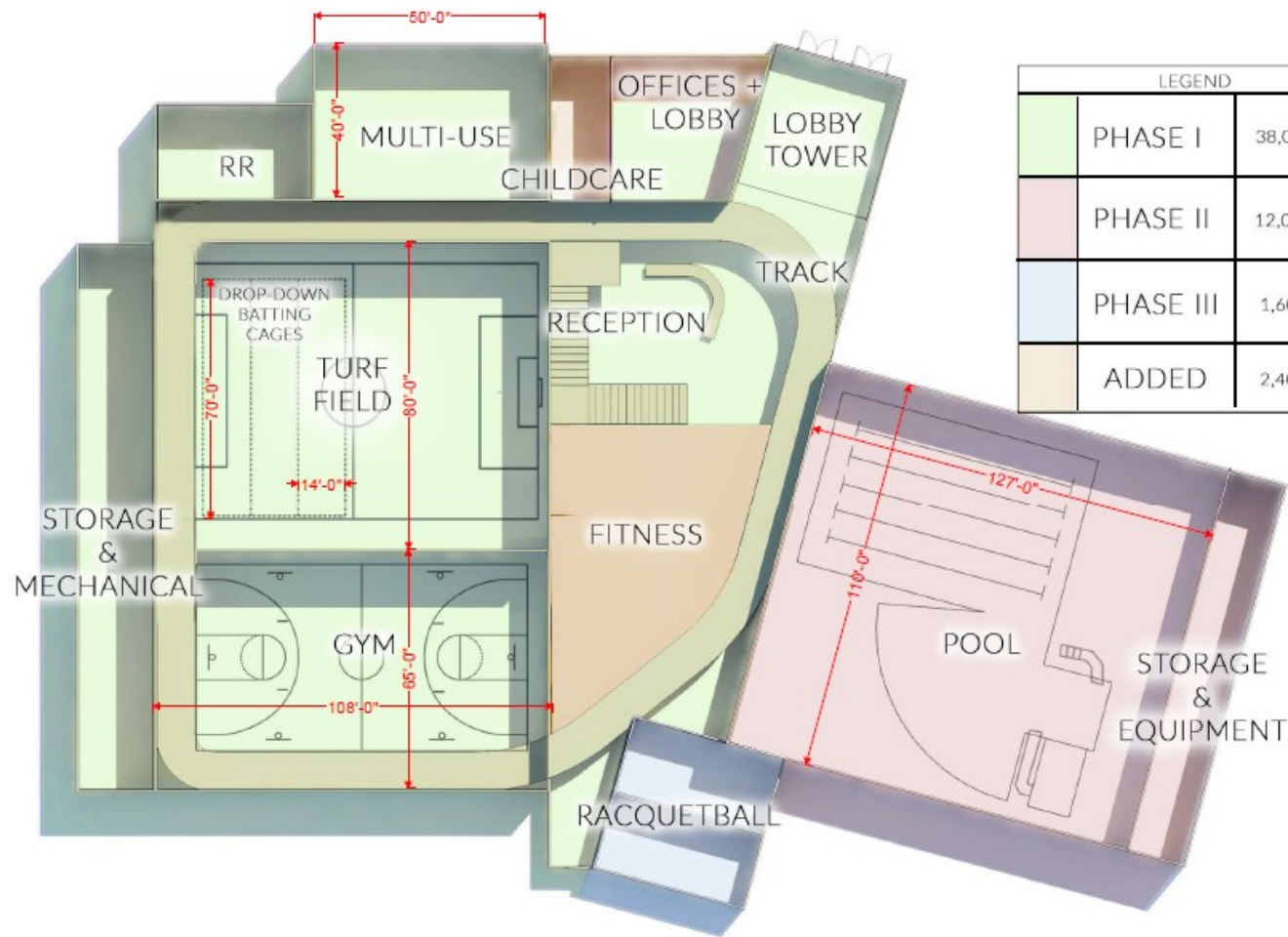
\$4.6– \$6 Million Dollars

Parking at the Gym is limited for large program and event gatherings.

Option 1: Indoor Spaces – 54,000 sq foot Recreation Center & Indoor Swimming Pool



NEPHI RECREATION CENTER CONCEPT

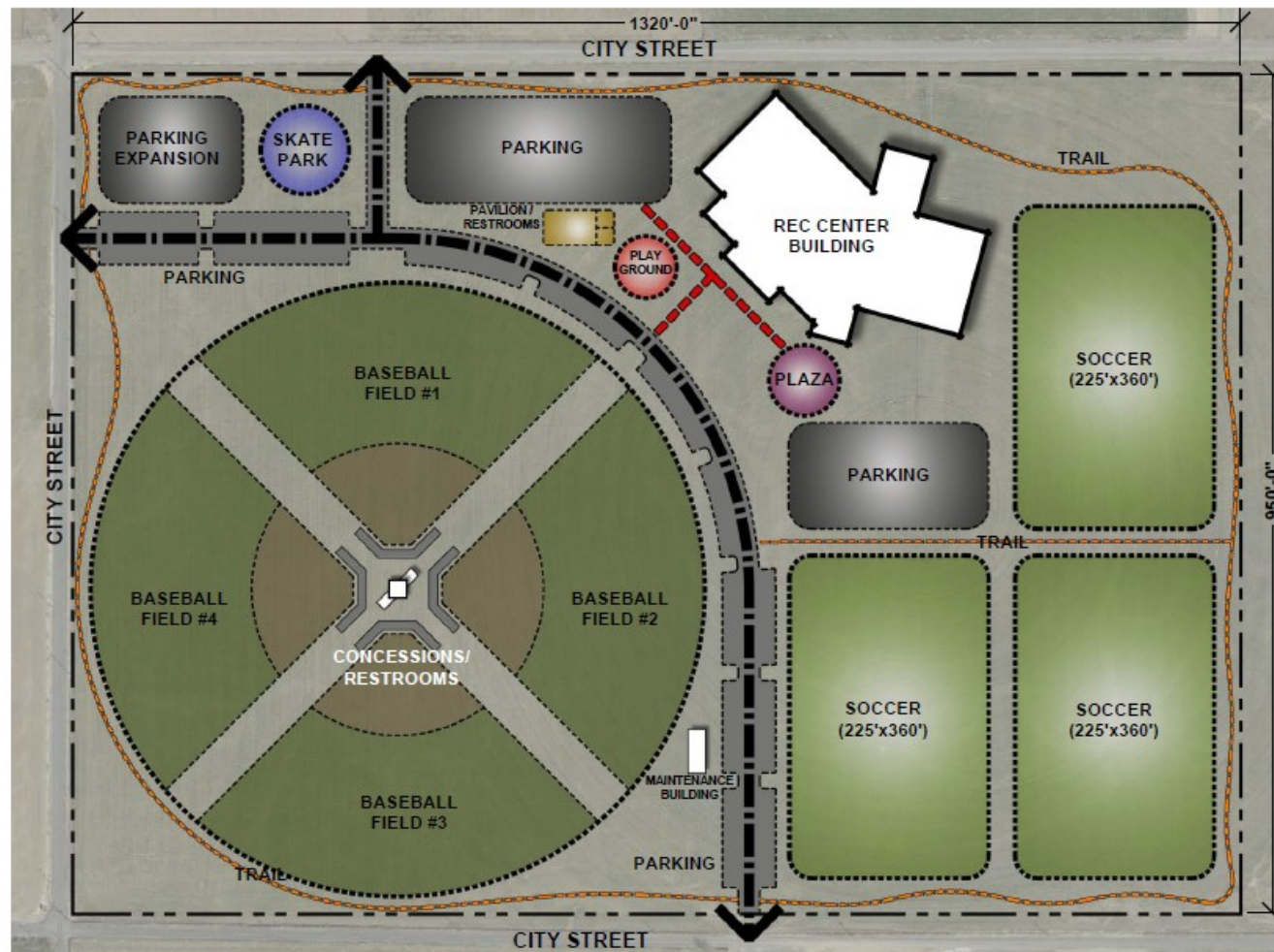


LEGEND		
	PHASE I	38,000 SF
	PHASE II	12,000 SF
	PHASE III	1,600 SF
	ADDED	2,400 SF

Option 1: Outdoor Spaces – Soccer Complex, Skate Park & Ballfield Complex



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SITE TABULATIONS:

Site:	28.8 acres
Rec Center (200'x325'):	1.5 acres
Entry Plaza (80'x80'):	0.1 acres
Soccer Fields (225'x360'):	5.6 acres
Baseball Facility (695'x695'):	8.7 acres
Playground: (70'x70'):	0.1 acres
Skate Park (100'x100'):	0.2 acres
Pavilion/Restrooms (40'x80'):	0.1 acres
Maintenance Building (20'x50'):	.02 acres
Parking/Vehicle Circulation:	1.5 acres
Parking (120'x300'):	0.8 acres
Parking (120'x226'):	0.6 acres
Parking Expansion (120'x165'):	0.5 acres
Open Space:	9.08 acres



Option 1 “Big Project” Summary: 28 Acres:

We shot for the stars to include everything we wanted.

Recreation Center: \$11.8 Million

Indoor Pool: \$5.8 Million

Outdoor Spaces: \$12 Million

Price tag over \$29 Million

*Does not include property, location is not designated

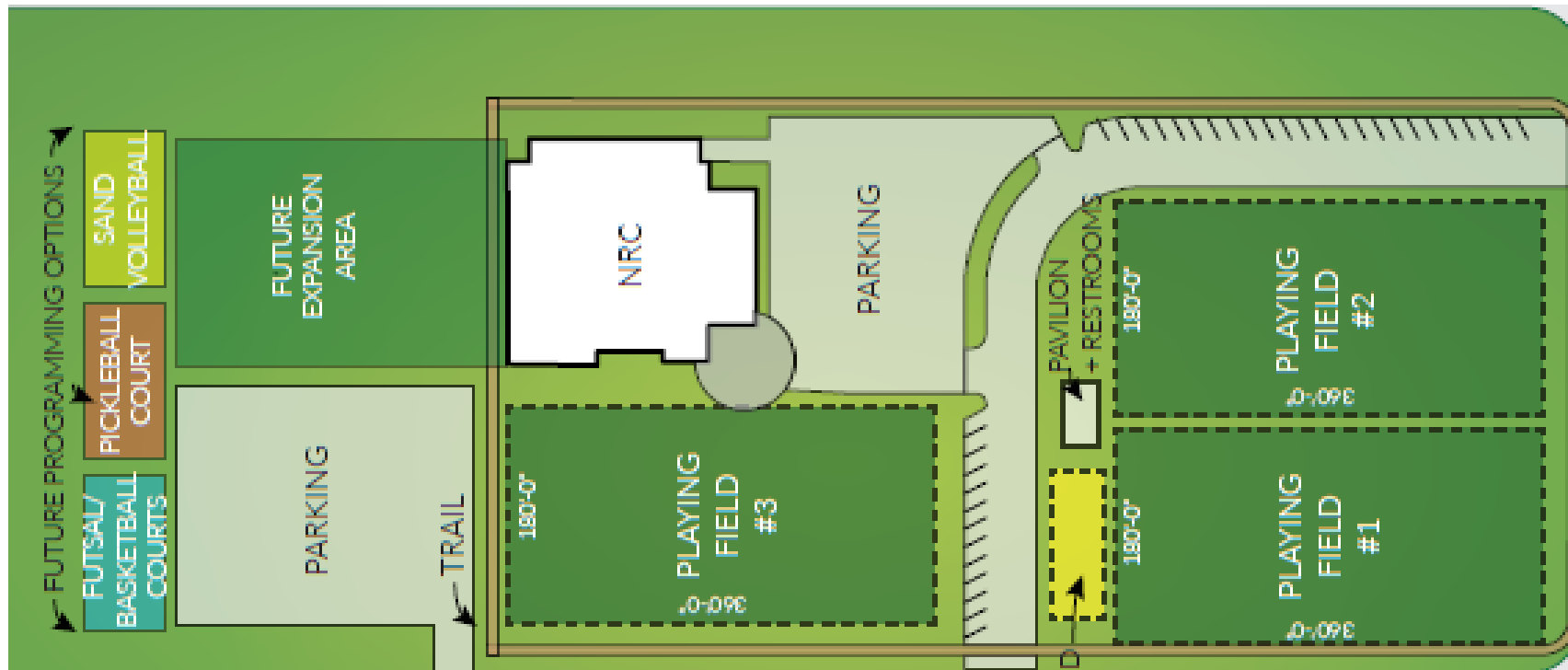
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Note: Memberships and other revenue opportunities could help pay part of the operation and maintenance.

Subsidy could be \$400,000+ each year

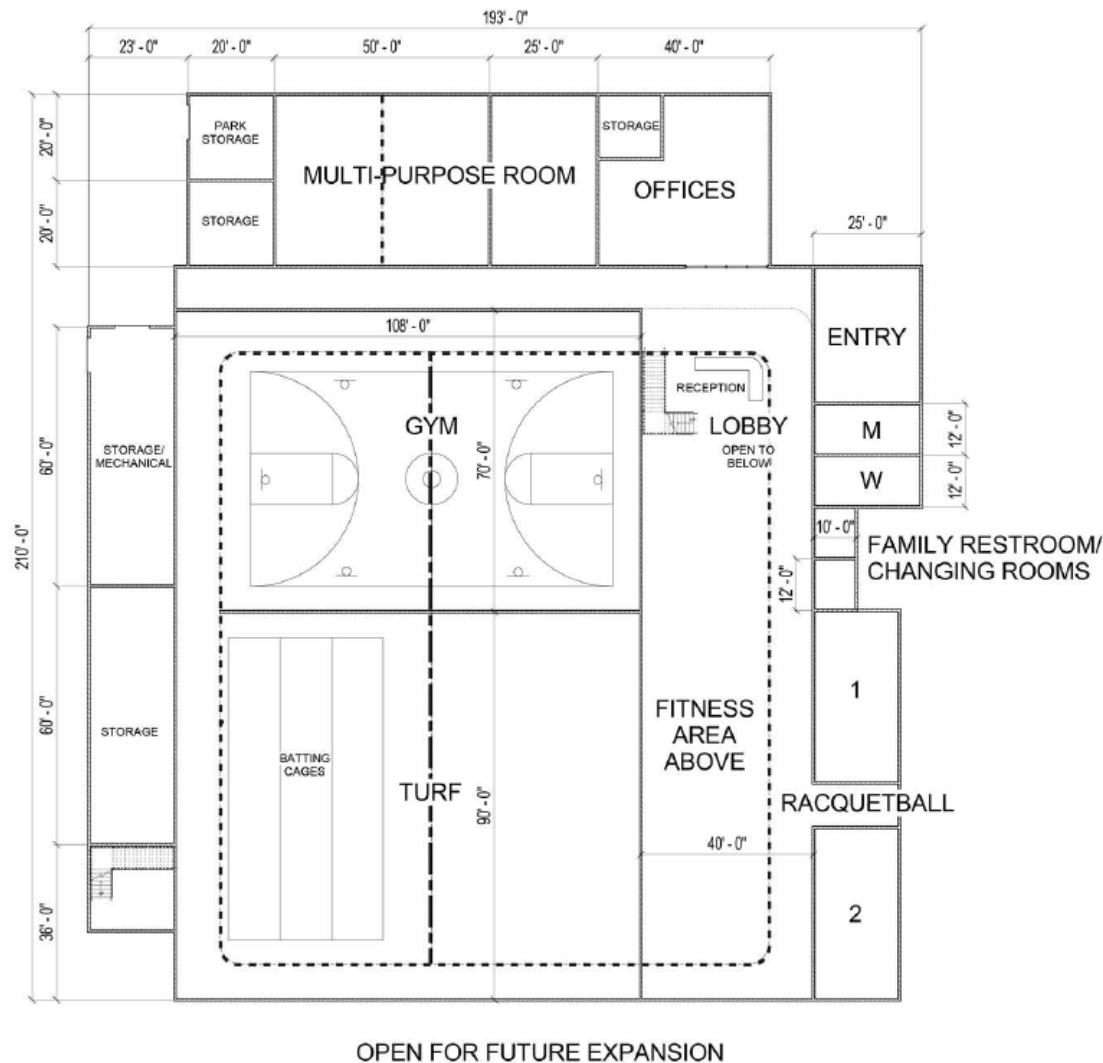
Option 2– Outdoor Space -14 Acres

- Outdoor space condensed to soccer fields
- Soccer was identified instead of baseball/softball because we do not have any soccer specific fields.
- Provide space for phased approach and Center expansion
- Playground, Outdoor Restrooms and Pavilion



Option 2 : Indoor Space: 40,000 sq foot Recreation Center

- Scaled down Center without Indoor Swimming Pool.



Could include:

Recreation office

Artificial turf area

Gymnasium

Racquetball Courts

Multipurpose rooms

Indoor Track

Batting Cages

Potential fitness area

Storage Space

Option 2 “Medium Project” Summary: 14 Acres:

Recreation Staff determine areas most urgently needed.

Recreation Center: \$6.7 Million

Outdoor Spaces: \$4 Million

Price tag just under \$11 Million

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Subsidy could be \$200,000+ each year

Option 3– Outdoor Space– 4 acres (equivalent of 1 block)

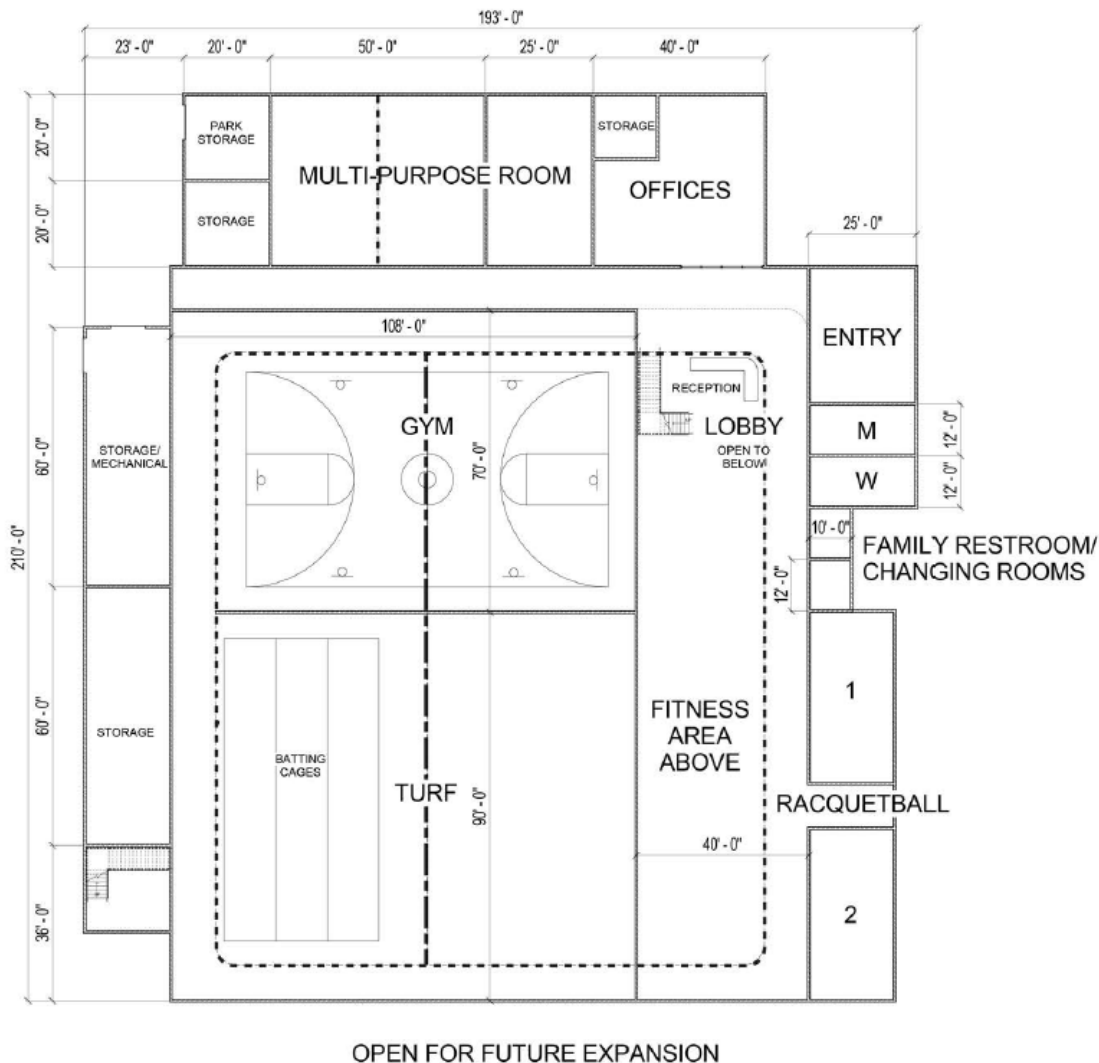


- Outdoor space condensed to open ballfield/playground/skate park/futsal & basketball court & parking lots
- Recreation Center



Option 3 : Indoor Space: 40,000 sq foot Recreation Center

- Scaled down Center without Indoor Swimming Pool.
- (Same as Option 2)



Why not smaller?

- 1-Smaller facilities will be outgrown by the time you build them.
- 2-Less amenities mean less opportunity for membership revenue; which means more \$ subsidy.
- 3-Price of facilities are increasing each year.
- 4-Savings can be made by building one facility that utilizes same parking, staff, and other resources.

Option 3 “Small Project” Summary: 4 Acres:

Recreation Staff determine areas most urgently needed.

Recreation Center: \$6.7 Million

Outdoor Spaces: \$1.7 Million

Price tag over \$8 Million

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**Does not include cost to operate & maintain.

Note: Memberships and other revenue opportunities could help pay part of the operation and maintenance.

Subsidy could be \$200,000+ each year

What about a new Indoor Swimming pool?

1-A new pool could cost nearly \$6 Million just to construct it.

2-Nephi City currently subsidizes the Outdoor pool \$30,000-\$40,000 per year.
(not including the salaries of full time staff that operate the pool seasonally)

3-It is a fact that Indoor Pools require a subsidy to keep doors open.

Local Public Pools in Central Utah spend between 175K-260K each year in subsidy.

4-Nephi City recently spent \$900,000 to add Splash Pad to the Nephi Outdoor Pool. (It is not financially feasible to have an outdoor pool and indoor pool in Nephi. Are we ready to walk away from that recent investment?)

4-Does Nephi/ Juab County have the population to fill the pool “year-round”?



Indoor Pool Amenities

1-Competition/Lap Pool

2-Leisure Pool & Slides

3-Locker Room

4- Staff Offices & Storage.

What about covering the existing outdoor pool?

1-The Nephi City Outdoor pool facility is outdated and the existing “pool” needs renovation. Costs to replace the building and enlarge/ “square off” the existing pool could cost around \$750K. (A roof would most likely not be placed over the existing pool until those renovations were made)

2-Covered pools require more utility costs as well as year-round staffing. Staffing includes maintenance, lifeguards and supervisory staff. \$\$\$

3-A seasonal bubble like in American Fork can cost up to \$400K to purchase, and significant staff time to install and remove each year.

4-A harder roof but not brick and mortar/(Sprung Structure) like Kearns Oquirrh Recreation Park could cost up to \$2.5 Million.

Swimming Pool Summary:

*A new Swimming Pool or Covering the Old Pool are options.

*Are the residents of Juab County willing to pay for the construction, and the subsidy of operating and maintain those structures?

What are the Overall Financial Options?

New Construction:

- Public Bond/Property or Sales Tax (Need to Voted by Public)
- Loans
- Grants (Minimal and most likely require matching dollars)
- Donations/Naming Rights/Sponsorships

Operation & Maintenance:

- *Nephi City currently pays 100% of the Swimming Pool subsidy.*
- *Nephi City currently pays 55% of “Nephi Recreation Department” subsidy. Juab County pays 45%. Both entities do not have the current ability to take on additional subsidy.*
- Fees: User, Membership, Event, Non-Resident, etc...
- Additional entities paying % of subsidy.
- Special Service District Tax
- PAR Tax (1/10 of 1% Sales Tax) Equivalent of 1 cent spent on every \$10 spent in Juab County

What is the next step? What do you want to see done?

Please fill out your survey.

We appreciate your suggestions.

Thank you for your support!

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